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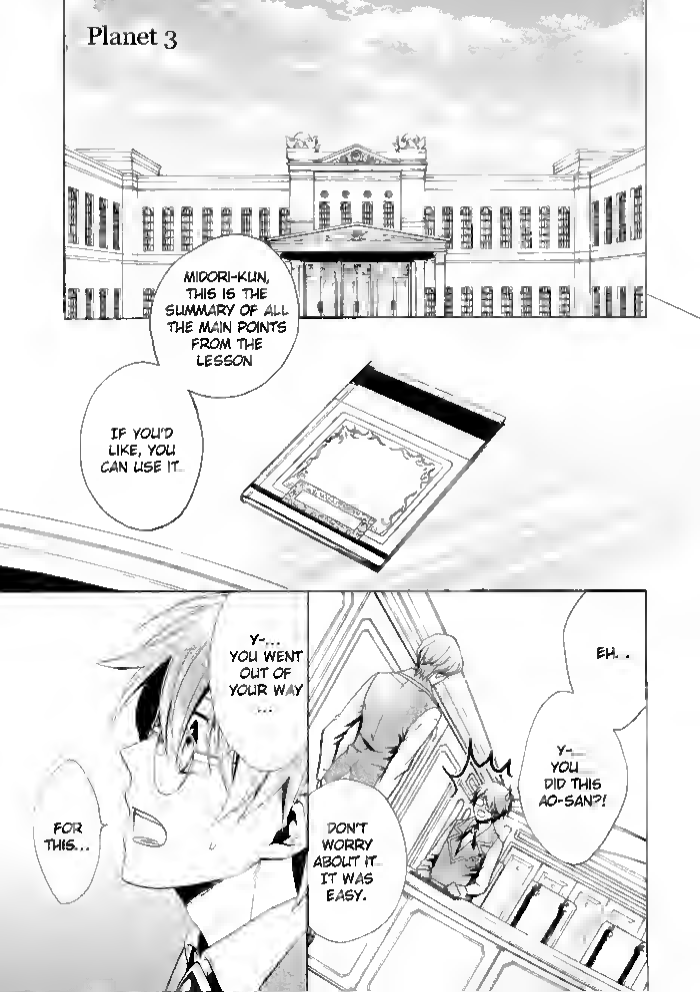
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MIDORI-KUN, THIS IS THE SUMMARY OF ALL THE MAIN POINTS FROM THE LESSON
IF YOU'D LIKE, YOU CAN USE IT.
Y-... YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY ...
FOR THIS...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT WAS EASY.
EH..
Y-... YOU DID THIS AO-SAN?!

AH! LUCKY!
MIDORI, LET ME BORROW IT NEXT!!

WHY WOULD YOU USE IT, YUUDAI?
EEH~~ I'M NOT DOING ANY HARM~
IT'S FINE, BUT...
O-.. OKAY!
THEN, I'M COUNTING ON YOU, MIDORI.
Is this okay?

AH...
AO-SAN..
HMM?
.THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Planet 3

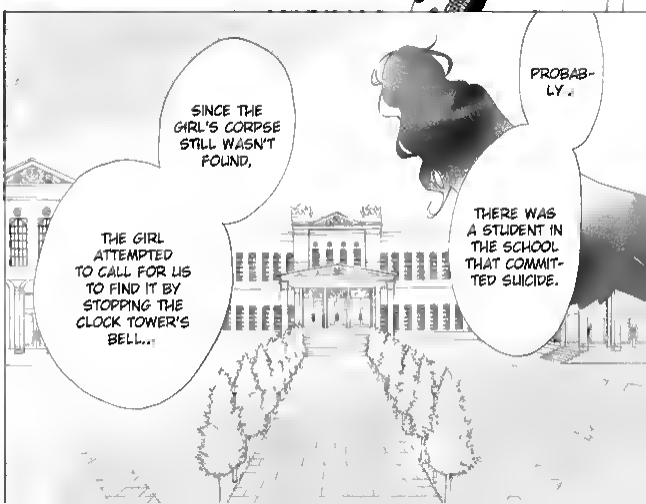
tick
tuck
click
SFX GONG 3X
CLATTER
ALL RIGHT, THE LESSON'S OVER!!
IT'S TIME FOR LUNCH!

SFX CRASH
SFX GONG 2X
I'M IN THE MOOD FOR CURRY.
WE'RE NOT REALLY INTERESTED.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MIDO-RI?
EH?! M-... ME?!
WH-
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE JUST NOW?!
THE CLOCK TOWER...?!
ゴーン
ガガガガ
ゴォン
??!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
OH. . JUPITER-SAN!
IT SEEMS AS IF THE BELL IN THE CLOCK TOWER BROKE..
SERI-OUSLY ?!
ざわざわ
SFX: CHATTER 2X
CAN IT BE FIXED QUICKLY?
IT SEEMS THAT SOMEONE IN THE BUSI-NESS TEAM IS CHECKING ON IT CURRENTLY.

SFX: JUMP
ビク…
MIDORI, LET'S GO TO LUNCH!
O-...
OKAY!
HMM. WELL, IF THE BUSINESS TEAM IS CHECKING IT,
THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO ACT ON IT.
THAT'S TRUE. LET'S LEAVE IT TO THEM.
A few days later...
THE CLOCK TOWER STILL HASN'T BEEN FIXED, HUH?

I'VE GOT IT!
...!
gasp
Did something happen?
I WONDER WHY THEY AREN'T FIXING IT
IF THE BELL DOESN'T GET FIXED, IT'S INCONVENIENT BECAUSE CLASSES WON'T END ON TIME


THE GIRL ATTEMPTED TO CALL FOR US TO FIND IT BY STOPPING THE CLOCK TOWER'S BELL...
SINCE THE GIRL'S CORPSE STILL WASN'T FOUND,
PROBABLY.
THERE WAS A STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL THAT COMMITTED SUICIDE.

WHEN THE BUSINESS TEAM TRIES TO FIX IT
THE GIRL'S SPIRIT WILL INTERVENE
THE GIRL'S CORPSE, REDUCED TO BONES ...
MOST LIKELY IS STILL... IN THE CLOCK TOWER...
"WHY CAN'T YOU FIND ME?!"
OR SOMETHING
WAAAAAH !!!
...AND THAT'S WHY
There there. I'll take you to eat lunch in the back, okay?
Yuudai-kun is bullying me~

I THINK THAT WE IN THE PLANET CLASS NEED TO INVESTIGATE!
HUH?!
WHY DID IT COME TO THAT?!
ALL OF THAT JUST NOW WAS YOUR IMAGINATION!
THAT MAY BE SO,
BUT THE PLANET CLASS ALSO TAKES THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL
WE HAVE TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE SCHOOL

gloom
WHEN YUUDAI GIVES A FAIR ARGUMENT.
It's frustrating to not have a comeback.
THE USUAL THING IS STARTING AGAIN
URGH...
NO MATTER WHAT THE CAUSE IS!
The fact is that the bell in the clock tower stopped working!
SFX: JOLT
EH?!
MIDORI-KUN, I THINK YOU'LL BE GOING HOME LATE TODAY.
IT'S BEST IF YOU GET YOURSELF PREPARED
YUUDAI'S PLANS ARE FREQUENTLY SUDDEN AND TROUBLESOME

LET US GO INVESTIGATE THE CLOCK TOWER!
WITHOUT FURTHER ADO.
Y-...YEAH...
I... I wonder if it's okay that I'm here?
LWAAAH! I'M SCARED!
THAT HAD NO ENERGY AT ALL!
RAISE YOUR VOICES MORE!
SFX: GLARE
SFX: OMINOUS PRESENCE

HUH..
COULD IT BE, NATSUHI
THAT YOU'RE SCARED?
!
WE CAN'T GO IN WHEN YOU LET IT GET THIS DARK OUTSIDE!
BUT IF IT'S NOT DARK, IT WON'T APPEAR, RIGHT?
WHAT WILL!!
I..
I AM NOT SCARED!
EARLIER YOU SAID THAT WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT WAS JUST MY "IMAGINATION"...
IN REALITY, DID YOU BELIEVE ME?
SFX: JINGLE
チャリ
T-... TO BEGIN WITH, THE CLOCK TOWER IS LOCKED, SO WE CAN'T GET IN.
I'M SORRY TO SAY SO, BUT WITHOUT THE BUSINESS TEAM, GETTING INSIDE IS...

IF IT'S THE KEY YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT, I GRABBED IT DURING LUNCH.
THERE'S NO PROBLEM NOW, RIGHT?
GIVE IT UP, NATSUHI. THIS GUY IS ADDICTED TO HORROR GAMES RIGHT NOW...
I have too many questions...
COME ON, MIDORI! LET'S GO!
...!
U-... UM, ME... TOO?
OF COURSE!
IF YOU'RE TOO SLOW, WE'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND!
O-... OKAY!

SFX CREAK
WHOA
THIS BRINGS BACK MEMORIES
I-- IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES?
WHEN I WAS IN SECOND GRADE, I SECRETLY WENT INSIDE ONCE
WELL, EVER SINCE I WAS FOUND IMMEDIATELY THAT TIME
THERE ISN'T EVEN ONE ENTRANCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD I HAVEN'T ENTERED
YOU REALLY ARE--
SFX CLACK 2X
THAT'S WHY-- WHAT'S SUSPICIOUS IS THE TOP!

SFX HOWL
ヒュオオオ

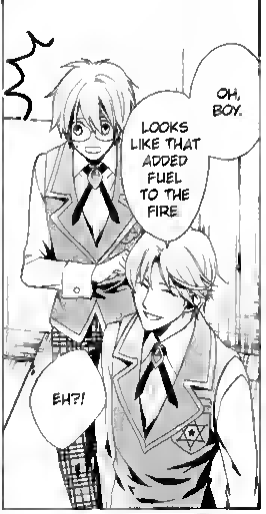
I-... IT'S COLD..
EVEN THOUGH IT'S STILL SUMMER, THIS IS TOO COLD FOR A TEST OF COURAGE!
A-ARE... ARE WE GOING TO CLIMB THIS...?
SFX: CLATTER 2X
GYAA!
WAAH!
T-... THE WIND..
HEEY, WE'RE GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND!
NATSUHI-CHAN, DON'T SCARE ME~
HE'S REALLY OKAY WITH THIS...

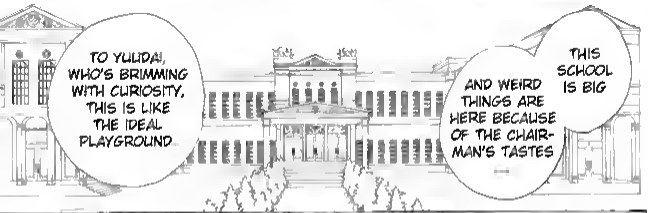
カツ
カツ
THIS IS REALLY CREEPY
SFX: CLACK 2X
I'LL PROTECT YOU, TAMAKI, SO IT'S OKAY
WAAAH! HYOUKA-CHAN!
HEY..
OOOOH
THEY'RE SCARED OUT OF THEIR MINDS!

ARE YOU NOT SCARED, MIDORI?
YOU SEEM TO BE DOING FINE
AH...
I-... IF YOU ASK ME ... I'M MUCH WORSE AT BEING IN A PLACE WHERE THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE ...
PLACES LIKE THIS ARE RELAXING...
So, he's relaxed...
I... I'M SORRY
D-... DOING SOMETHING TOGETHER WITH CLASS-MATES...
I DON'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH THINGS LIKE THIS...
IT'S KIND OF REFRESHING ...

NO, NO, THAT'S NOT IT
gasp
I'M SORRY, DID I SAY SOMETHING WEIRD..?!
AH..
AAALL RIGHT, HERE WE COME, GHOST!
SFX DASH

It's a locked room!
WHEN YUUDAI WAS IN SECOND GRADE AND THOUGHT ABOUT HAVING FUN LIKE THIS,
HE WOULD COMPLETELY DRAG US IN.
I found some hidden stairs!
When night comes
that statue moves!!
HE'D TELL EVERYONE THAT IT'S AN EXPEDITION.


OH, BOY.
LOOKS LIKE THAT ADDED FUEL TO THE FIRE
EH?!


TO YUUDAI, WHO'S BRIMMING WITH CURIOSITY, THIS IS LIKE THE IDEAL PLAYGROUND.
THIS SCHOOL IS BIG
AND WEIRD THINGS ARE HERE BECAUSE OF THE CHAIRMAN'S TASTES

YES... HOWEVER ...
SO THIS SURELY MUST BE A HABIT OF TAKING THEM OUT TO PLAY
WELL, YUUDAI HAS MANY YOUNGER SIBLINGS.

For hanging out with us until the end
YOU BETTER GET YOURSELF PREPARED
OKAY
WHEN HE GOT TO HIGH SCHOOL, AS EXPECTED, I THINK HE CALMED DOWN A LITTLE...
BUT THAT'S HIS STYLE
Yuudai-san and Ao-san...
get along very well...
I wonder... if this relationship is called "best friends"...
HMMM
NOTHING'S COMING OUT
HMM?

SFX: TREMBLE 2X
Don't abandon me!
Jeez Natsuki I told you that hurts
ビクビク
YOU GUUUUUYS!!
ビクッ
EEK!
SFX: JUMP
TEXT: STOP FLIRTING!
DON'T YELL SO SUDDENLY, IDIOT!
Don't scare me!
I FEEL SO LEFT OUT!
SINCE WHEN WERE YOU GUYS A COUPLE?!

KACHINK
JUST NOW..
J-..

AH! TAMAKI, GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF!
IT WAS A CLANG FROM ABOVE
T- . THERE WAS A SOUND ...
WASN'T THERE ..?
SFX WOBBLE
WASN'T THAT JUST THE WIND?
T-...
THERE'S NO WAY~ . .
Clang
Clang

BACKS AWAY...
...WAIT. HUH?!
DO YOU THINK...
SOME-THING'S ...
UP THERE?
S-...
SORRY
NO WAY!
NO WAY!
MIDORI-KUN, YOU GO LOOK!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY-MORE!
EH...?

I... I UNDERSTAND
SFX STEP, STEP
EH?! YOU'RE GOING?!
M-... MIDORI SURPRISINGLY HAS QUITE A BIT OF COURAGE...
HURRY UP, HURRY UP!
SFX STEP
SFX SILENCE
D-... DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS BAD?
MIDORI-KUN...
GO TAKE A LOOK, YUUDAI!
EH?! ME?!

SFX: PEEK
ひょこっ
WAAH!
I... I THOUGHT YOUR HEAD WAS CUT OFF...
T-... THAT WAS BAD FOR MY HEART...
UM...

OH, MY ...
SHE GAVE BIRTH INSIDE THE FALLEN BELL...
There aren't any people here so she probably thought it was safe.
CATS?!
So these guys were feelin' those sounds.
SFX HISS
COME ON, KITTY,
DON'T SCARE US LIKE THAT
SFX HISS
THEN I BET THAT THE BUSINESS TEAM COULDN'T TOUCH THEM
NO CAN DO, SHE'S EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU CAN GET CLOSE TO THEM.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN LEAVE IT LIKE THIS.

WE AT LEAST HAVE TO MOVE IT SOMEWHERE ELSE...
WHO'S GOING TO MOVE IT?
THE MOTHER CAT SEEMS THE MOST CAUTIOUS, SO IT'S DANGEROUS.
It might think that we're gonna eat her kittens or something
WHAT SHOULD WE DO...
lick
Sniff
Sniff
SFX PURR~
UH...
UM...
EEH?!

SHE MUST HAVE DECIDED THAT HE'S HARMLESS
WHY IS IT ONLY MIDORI-KUN...
WHAT'S WITH THAT EASE?!
Your kittens are out in the open, Mother!!
...
SFX PUKU
UH...
UM...
WHAT... SHOULD WE DO...
with the cat
purr
W-...
WELL...
THERE'S ONLY ONE OPTION?

MIDORI, ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?
Y-... YES.
She won't let us near her.
SORRY IT ENDED UP BEING LIKE WE FORCED YOU.
N-... NO!
IT'S FINE..!
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I OWNED A CAT A LONG TIME AGO...
SO WATCHING OVER THEM IS.

WHAT A RELIEF~
IF THERE'S ANYTHING TROUBLING YOU, DON'T HESITATE TO TELL US.
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND, TOO~
HE...
HAS CHANGED SOMEHOW.
*T/N: MOSTLIKELY A REFERENCE TO THE GAME OF LIFE, THE BOARD GAME
You did like those types of things
AREN'T YOU TREATING THIS THE SAME AS THE GAME OF NURTURING*?
THAT'S ONLY MODERATELY ACCURATE
UH-HUH
THE RESULT OF NURTURING HIM~

Let's go home!
...
IF ANYTHING, YOU KNEW FROM THE START THAT IT WASN'T A PSYCHIC PHENOMENON, RIGHT?
BUT, YOU...
MIDORI-KUN IS TRULY
A STRANGE CHILD